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Notes and Comments.

THE Camp Meeting at Flemington, New Jersey, under the auspices of the Brethren church, and conducted by brother I. D. Bowman, proved a great success. Brother Bowman and Dr. McGregor did most of the preaching. Sister Mary Sterling has also been in attendance part of the time and did some preaching. The meeting closed on Monday night with an apostolic communion. Two missionaries Brothers Mumford and Clemens were present and did good work.

WITH a few exceptions, the present indications are that the corn crop of 1895 will be simply immense, some states breaking all past records. The product of Texas will be about 100,000,000 bushels, that of Missouri 230,000,000, Illinois 250,000,000 and Kansas 300,000,000. This will be about three times what these states yielded last year. The total crop of the country will be enormous, amounting to billions of bushels. Its value will approximate \$1,000,000,000, an amount sufficient to feed and clothe all the farmers of the land for a year, if every other crop should be a total failure. The hard times have passed, and good times are upon the country. No nation is poor that can raise a cereal crop of two or three billion of dollars. Such figures as those given surpass comprehension. They serve, however, to show the magnificent resour-

ces of the country. When Europe has learned the value of maize as food and it begins to be exported in large quantities, there will be raised in the United States at least twice as much corn as at present, and the American farmer will grow rich in supplying the demand from abroad.

WE take these words from the *Religious Telescope*, and commend them to every reader of the EVANGELIST: Every school and every educational institution should be measured by its ability to develop and crystallize noble and useful traits of human character. The great need in America to-day is not more brains, but more conscience—more and better moral character—more young men who are conscientiously upright and honest, who hate a lie, who despise a thief, who would rather break their necks than break their word, who loathe tobacco, who abhor the brothel, who turn away from cards, and who avoid the intoxicating cup as they would avoid the gate of hell. Unless our church schools and our system of public education have the power to round up human character of this kind, and develop our boys and girls into God-fearing men and women, well qualified for all the glory and all the responsibility of American citizenship, they are aggravating and disappointing failures.

AN EXCHANGE, one of the leading religious journals of the day contains the following timely remarks on the importance of Christian teaching and influences in our colleges, which remarks apply very aptly to our own institution, and furnish a reason why every member of the church should support Ashland University:—"The point is vital. Our young people go to college at the most important period in life. Their characters are being formed. They have not learned to think independently. The mind is reaching out and readily imbibes new notions. It is even thought to be a sign of intellectuality to doubt. The dangers are great. Hundreds are misguided. Far better is it for

these young people to be in some Christian school. They may not always have as large equipments and as many students, But these are not the most essential things. Some of the very best scholastic work is done in the smaller colleges. But above that is the fact that these schools are centers of religious power. They seek to provide an education sanctified by Christian motives. They surround students with those moral and religious influences which tell for character. The revival fire often flames. The development of the entire nature is sought. Education is not conceived as simply a means to help one get on in the world, but an increased capacity and equipment to do good. The Christian fellowships are strong. Skeptical opinions do not prevail. Truth is taught from the religious standpoint.

"The parent ought to note these facts. The young man and woman ought to consider them in selecting a school. Remember, the college puts its stamp on its students as truly as the mint does on its coins. The student period is the time above all others when we are being made. Our tastes, our beliefs, our ambitions, our characters, are being formed. We should pass this critical period of life in the most helpful atmosphere and amid the safest environment. Hence that college is best for us which is most positively Christian. We believe President Sales is right when he remarks, 'A college must be either avowedly and openly Christian, or, by the very absence of avowed Christian influences, it will be decidedly unchristian in its effects upon students.'"

BRETHREN, send your sons and daughters to Ashland University. This is *your* school, and you should give it your support. The advantages here are equal to the best. Ten courses of study, efficient teachers, splendid buildings, healthful location, and that which is not least among the things to be considered, Christian associations—these make Ashland College a safe and desirable school for your children.